

Agenda Item No. 5

At its recent yearly Retreat, SCAG devoted one of the panel discussion sessions to the topic of Goods Movement.

Out of this discussion, it was once again made clear that the I -710 project is as essential to our region's freight transportation system as the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are to the Pacific Rim and the national economy.

As we embark on the EIR/EIS for the I -710, it is paramount that all stakeholders recognize we are making a commitment to moving forward with what should be regarded as a "premier project" that will be part of a much larger regional system.

In looking beyond the "I -710 project" we must make further efforts to help build not only the local and subregional support, but full regional multi-county support for the I -710 project and those multi-county projects that must follow.

We, Therefore, Move that the MTA Board adopt the staff Recommendations and further instruct staff, in consultation with the CTC's CEO committee, to take the following actions:

1. To further explore the nature, development, and role of a single-purpose agency or agencies to fund this and other projects;
2. To investigate the applicability of the funding model used in Oregon, whereby private investment was used to help fund the initial project development work;
3. To investigate the conditions for applying for and obtaining pre-deployment funding from the TIFIA program to support early work on the 710 project; and
4. Bring an update to the Board in August, 2006